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## **MONTANA MAN SENTENCED FOR RECEIPT AND POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

BILLINGS – Justin Sherrard, a 22-year-old resident of Missoula, was sentenced today to a term of 60 months in federal prison after having been found guilty after a 1-day trial of receipt and possession of child pornography. Sherrard was also ordered to pay a special assessment of \$200, forfeit his computer equipment, and will be under supervision for 5 years.

Because there is no parole in the federal system, the “truth in sentencing” guidelines mandate that Sherrard will likely serve **all** of the time imposed by the court. In the federal system, Sherrard does have the opportunity to earn a sentence reduction for “good behavior.” However, this reduction will not exceed 15% of the overall sentence.

The investigation was a cooperative effort between the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service. Assistant United States Attorney Marcia K. Hurd prosecuted the case.

“This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys’ Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov/](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov/).”

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